INTENT TO SOLE SOURCE NOTICE

PURPOSE: The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, Four Corners Construction Office, intends to award a sole source contract to Jacobs Engineering for a contemplated service requirement titled: Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project (NGWSP) Cutter Lateral Water Treatment Plant (CLWTP) Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) Compliance.

This requirement is being procured in accordance with Part 12 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations as other than full-and-open competition under the authority of FAR 6.103-1 -- Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements. 41 U.S.C. 3204(a)(1). Jacobs Engineering was contracted by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) for the design and construction of the CLWTP including Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) Compliance and the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems. Per the FISMA, Reclamation is required to modify the CLWTP to meet current security standards.

Operations of the Cutter Lateral and initial water deliveries to Navajo communities began in October 2020. In June 2022, the Operations, Maintenance and Repair (OM&R) responsibility for the Cutter Lateral system, including the CLWTP, was transferred to the Navajo Nation and the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA). NTUA is an enterprise of the Navajo Nation duly authorized by the Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to Navajo Nation Code Title 21 §§ 1 – 27, with jurisdiction over all utility operation, to construct and operate water supply distribution systems for water users within the Navajo Nation, including portions of the service area of the Project, and shall perform OM&R of the Transferred Works of the Project. Subsequently, NTUA contracted with Jacobs Engineering for OM&R of the CLWTP. Due to the historical situation of the project and previous work completed by Jacobs Engineering it is determined that this requirement will be satisfied as a sole source purchase through other than full-and-open competition.

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION: The principal components of the work are listed below:

The first objective for the CLWTP FISMA Compliance is to bring the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) to current security standards. These security standards authorize the operation of an information system or component within a specific environment, based on an acceptable level of risk. Per the FISMA, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is required to modify the CLWTP for current security standards. The work is to provide the required support to Reclamation while accomplishing FISMA compliance.

The second objective for the CLWTP is to update the communication link with Navajo Tribal Utility Authority's (NTUA's) Escrito Mesa Data Concentrator which was replaced after the completion of the Cutter Lateral Water Treatment Plant project and has disrupted the communication link between that data concentrator and the CLWTP.

The third objective for the CLWTP is to include an option for the programming and integration of the new NGWSP DZ Booster Pump Station.

LOCATION OF THE WORK: The CLWTP site is located on Government property. The Cutter Lateral takes water from the San Juan River stored at the existing Cutter Reservoir (a feature constructed originally for the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project - NIIP) using transmission pipelines and pumping plants to deliver the raw water to the CLWTP for treatment and delivery to the downstream indigenous communities on the eastern edge of the Navajo Nation and the southwest portion of the Jicarilla Apache Nation.

NAICS AND SIZE STANDARD: The NAICS code for this requirement is 238210 with a small business size standard of $19 million.

COMPETITION: A determination by the Government not to compete the proposed procurement based upon responses to this notice is solely within the discretion of the Government. Information received will be considered solely for the purpose of determining whether to conduct a competitive procurement. Any solicitation resulting from the analysis of information obtained will be announced to the public on System for Award Management (SAM.GOV) in accordance with the FAR Part 5. However, responses to this notice will not be considered adequate responses to a solicitation. No proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be included in your response. The Government reserves the right to use any non-proprietary technical information in any resultant solicitation(s). All responsible sources that feel they should be considered qualified to provide the above-mentioned services may submit a response to the Contracting Officer identified below. The information provided shall include detailed (and relevant) documentation to allow the government to perform adequate market research and make a proper determination. Information received will be considered solely for the purpose of determining whether to conduct a competitive procurement.

POINT-OF-CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS: The Contract Specialist and Contracting officer for this requirement is Andrew Taylor, email: andrew_taylor@ios.doi.gov. Any communications regarding this requirement must be made in writing and forwarded via email and must identify the solicitation number, company name, address, email address, phone number including area code, and point of contact.

THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (SOLICITATION), AN INVITATION FOR BID (IFB), NOR IS IT A REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ). It is not to be construed as a commitment by the requesting party to issue a solicitation or ultimately award a contract. Responses will not be considered as proposals, bids, or quotes. No award will be made as a result of this Notice. The Government will NOT be responsible for any costs incurred by interested parties in responding to this Notice. This Notice is strictly for compliance with FAR Subpart 5.2. As a result of this Notice, the Government may issue a competitive solicitation; however, should such requirements materialize, no basis for claims against the Government shall arise as a result of a response to the Notice (e.g. use of such information as either part of its evaluation process or in developing specifications for any subsequent requirement).